

REMARKS

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1, 5-11, and 13-20 are pending in the Application, Claims 1, 5-11, 13-20 have been rejected.

Shown above is a clean version of Claims 1 and 8 and attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to Claims 1 and 8, which amendments were incorrectly marked in my response mailed July 2, 2002. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Communication dated October 22, 2002.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims as amended herein and in my response mailed July 2, 2002 are not indefinite nor anticipated in light of the art cited. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of Claims 1, 5-8, 10, 11, and 13-20 is earnestly solicited in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

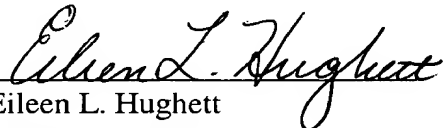
Should any issues impeding continuing examination of this Application remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the earliest possible date to achieve a timely resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the claims**

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of enhancing and/or prolonging the response of a primary challenge to a responsive system comprising the steps of:
 - a) subjecting a test site, as defined herein, of the responsive system to the primary challenge;
 - b) subjecting the test site to a secondary challenge, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance, and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge; and
 - c) assessing the response;wherein the primary challenge is a chemical challenge and the secondary challenge is a physical challenge and wherein the term “assessing” means any method of evaluating, observing, noting, and/or comparing the condition (e.g., response) of test sites.

8. (Twice Amended) A study of enhancing and/or prolonging the response of a primary challenge to a responsive system comprising the steps of:
 - a) applying the primary challenge to a test site, as defined herein, of the responsive system; applying a secondary challenge to the test site, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge, wherein the primary challenge is a chemical challenge and the secondary challenge is a physical challenge; and
 - b) creating one or more controls selected from the group consisting of negative controls, primary controls, secondary controls, positive controls, and mixtures thereof;
 - c) assessing a primary challenge response subsequent to the primary challenge and prior to the secondary challenge;
 - d) assessing one or more secondary challenge responses one or more times after the secondary challenge;

- e) assessing one or more control responses to the controls at the same approximate times as the primary challenge assesement and secondary challenge assessments are made;
- f) drawing conclusions based upon the assessments,
wherein the term “assessing” means any method of evaluating, observing, noting, and/or comparing the condition (e.g., response) of test sites.